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MEMORANDUM

To: Council of Mayors Executive Committee

From: Staff

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Re: State Legislative Report

Much of the activity in Springfield has been focused on redistricting and budget issues. The press is reporting that budget reductions, specifically to local government revenues, are being discussed as an option as well as other pension changes to state employees retirement. Reductions to the Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF) have tremendous impact on all of the communities in our region and CMAP is closely watching the issue. June 1 is the deadline for passing the state budget without a supermajority. Both the House and Senate passed their versions of the state budget on Friday, May 13. Final bill floor readings are scheduled for Friday, May 27. Below is an updated list of the bills CMAP is currently tracking.

Budget:

HB 2168 – Madigan (D-Chicago) CMAP **SUPPORTS** this bill. This is the House Appropriations bill that includes IDOT operating budget and the MPO funding, once funded through CRPF under GRF, will again be funded through the Road Fund under "metropolitan planning and research." This amount is for 6,000,000 and in this bill.

HB 124 – Madigan (D-Chicago) This is the House Appropriations bill that includes IDNR operating budget. It contains \$85,000 for regional water supply planning and \$30,900 for statewide water plan implementation.

SB 2409 – Kotowski (D-Chicago) CMAP **SUPPORTS** this bill. This is the Senate Appropriations bill that includes IDDNR operating budget. It contains \$153,000 for regional water supply planning and \$65,500 for statewide water plan implementation.

SB 2419 – Kotowski (D-Chicago) CMAP **SUPPORTS** this bill. This is the Senate Appropriations bill that includes the IDOT operating budget and MPO funding, which was once funded through CRPF under GRF, will again be funded through the Road Fund under "metropolitan planning and research." This amount is for 6,000,000 and in this bill.

Transportation:

- HB 267 Franks (D-Woodstock) Wilhelmi (D-Joliet) CMAP **OPPOSES** this bill to allow counties to opt out of paying RTA taxes. Passed the House on 2/24/2011 and referred to Senate Executive Subcommittee on State Government Operations on 5/5.
- HB 585 Nekritz (D-DesPlaines) Harmon (D-Oak Park) CMAP is **NEUTRAL** on this bill that requires ADA Para transit funding to be appropriated first by RTA prior to the service boards' budgets. Placed on calendar order of third reading on May 10.
- HB 1091 Nekritz (D-DesPlaines) Steans (D-Chicago) CMAP **SUPPORTS** this bill to allow the state to enter into public-private partnerships for transportation projects. Passed the House on 4/12/11 and was assigned to Senate Executive on 4/27/11. Three amendments were filed only two are referred to committee to be eligible for debate on the floor. SA3 ensures that no federal laws are superseded when the rules are creating for the use of P3.
- HB 1377 Zalewski (D-Summit) Raoul (D-Chicago) CMAP **SUPPORTS** this bill to require municipalities to report to IDOT all preferred truck routes not classified Class 2 or 3, and for IDOT to post those routes on its website. Passed the House on 3/9/11 and placed on Senate calendar order of third reading on 5/16. A companion bill died in the Senate.
- HB 1884 (Rita, D-Blue Island) Crotty (D-Oak Forest) CMAP **SUPPORTS** this bill to require IDOT, the RTA and state police to establish a five-year pilot program within the RTA boundaries for bus rapid transit on highway and tollway shoulders commencing Jan. 1, 2012. Passed the House on 3/17/11 and referred to Senate Transportation on 4/27/11. Placed on Senate calendar order of third reading.
- HB 1761 Nekritz (D-DesPlaines) Wilhelmi (D-Joliet) CMAP **SUPPORTS** this bill to require IDOT to publish its master plan every five years (instead of two), and that the plan include a comprehensive and multimodal freight mobility plan that recommends improvements in the operation and management of the freight system. Passed both chambers.
- HB 1966 Burke (D-Chicago) Sandoval (D-Cicero) CMAP is **NEUTRAL** on this bill to create an Illinois and Midwest High Speed Rail Commission to study implementation of HSR. Passed the House on 4/5/11 and placed on Senate calendar order of third reading on 5/10.
- HB 2874 Flynn Currie (D-Chicago) Collins (D-Chicago) CMAP is **NEUTRAL** on this bill to require the RTA to create a universal fare card for senior citizens. Passed both chambers.
- HB 2903 Williams (D-Chicago) Steans (D-Chicago) CMAP is **NEUTRAL** on this bill to authorize a \$500,000 grant from the Alternate Fuels Act to be given to car-sharing organizations to purchase alt-fuel vehicles made in Illinois. Passed the House on 4/15/11 and placed on Senate calendar order of third reading on 5/13.

- HB 3597 Burns (D-Chicago) Raoul (D-Chicago) CMAP is **NEUTRAL** on this bill to require the transit service boards to reduce the cost of transfers by January, 2013, and to create a universal fare card by 2015. Passed the House on 4/12/11 and placed on Senate calendar order of third reading on 5/16..
- SB 143 Sandoval (D-Chicago) CMAP **OPPOSES** this bill to require 30 percent of all monies deposited in the State Road Fund to be used for projects in Cook County. Re-referred to Senate Assignments on 4/8/11.
- SB 1258 Sandoval (D-Chicago) CMAP **SUPPORTS** this bill to allow road funds and MFT funds to be used for mass transit projects. Lost on third reading in the Senate on 5/3.
- SB 1312 Schoenberg (D-Evanston) CMAP is **NEUTRAL** on this bill to allow IDOT to use the design-build delivery method for public projects. CMAP supports design-build as a project delivery method. HB 1091 is the preferred and agreed upon bill that more broadly addresses public-private partnerships (P3) and design-build as an option for P3. Re-referred to Senate Assignments on 4/8/11.
- SB 1323 Cullerton (D-Chicago) CMAP is **NEUTRAL** on this bill. Earlier this year the capital bill, "Illinois Jobs Now!" was challenged by Wirtz v. Quinn, claiming a violation of the single subject rule of the Illinois Constitution. Governor Quinn requested a stay on the law in order to allow the funding and projects to proceed forward until the court makes a full ruling. This bill was drafted in the event that legislation is needed to authorize the capital bill. We will continue to monitor this to see if it is amended. CMAP is supportive of implementing the capital bill. Passed the Senate on 3/16/11 and referred to House Executive Committee on 4/11/11.
- SB 1381 Sandoval (D-Chicago) CMAP **OPPOSES** this bill to require \$5 million in MFT taxes per month to be diverted to finance railroad grade crossing construction. Lost on third reading in the Senate on 5/3.
- SB 1856 McCarter (R-Highland) CMAP is **NEUTRAL** on this bill. Senate Amendment 1 requires IDOT to host public meetings for an area designated as a protected corridor for a future road project at least every 10 years after the establishment of the corridor. It also requires that if the project is no longer deemed feasible that lands that are not developed for highways be removed from the protected road category, this would be at IDOT's discretion. CMAP is supportive of protecting corridors for future transportation projects as well as a public process to evaluate whether the land should remain preserved. Passed both chambers.
- HR 30 Dunkin (D-Chicago) CMAP **OPPOSES** this resolution calling for a commission to recommend the best procedure and structure for consolidating RTA mass transit services. Assigned to Mass Transit Committee on 05//19/2011.

HJR 24 – Soto (D-Chicago) – CMAP **SUPPORTS** this resolution requiring the House Mass Transit committee to host at least one meeting on creating an efficient mass transit system and report findings to the General Assembly by December 2011. Assigned to Senate Transporation Committee on 05/19/2011.

Land Use:

HB 1109 – Yarbrough (D-Broadview) – CMAP **SUPPORTS** this bill to allow local governments to enact ordinances to hold financial institutions and others responsible for maintaining and securing vacant properties. Deadline extended to May 20, 2011.

HB 1606 – Davis (D-East Hazel Crest) – CMAP is **NEUTRAL** on this bill to create the Brownfields Redevelopment Intermodal Promotion Act; and create and fund the South Suburban Intermodal Redevelopment Zone. Assigned to Revenue and Finance Committee on 2/22/11. House Revenue & Finance Committee hearing scheduled May 19.Deadline extended 5/20.

HB 1810 – Yarbrough (D-Broadview) – CMAP **SUPPORTS** this bill to create a mortgage foreclosure prevention fund by collecting a \$500 fee from the proceeds of sales of foreclosed properties. Re-referred to Rules on 4/15/11.

HB 3372 – Fortner (R-West Chicago) – CMAP **SUPPORTS** this bill to allow counties with stormwater management plans to charge fees to benefit stormwater management activities and facilities. Passed House on 4/13/11 and referred to Senate Local Government on 4/27/11. A hearing is scheduled for 5/11. A companion bill died in the Senate.

SB 38 – Garrett (D-Highwood) – CMAP **SUPPORTS** this bill to require the Department of Public Health to adopt and publish a minimum code of standards for rainwater harvesting collection and distribution systems by Jan. 1, 2012. Senate Amendment 1 expands the scope of this legislative directive and simplifies it at the same time. IDPH would have until June 1, 2012 to develop minimum standards of the safe handling and use of rainwater, greywater, raw water, etc. That's good, as it greatly expands the applicability and market opportunities for water reuse. It also continues to exempt things like rain barrels (i.e., stand-alone systems with NO connection to a plumbing system) from inclusion in the plumbing code. Additionally, the amendment simplifies matters by eliminating language that specified whether 'collection' or 'distribution' or other technical issues should be considered plumbing or not. Those are issues that will be resolved in the year-long process of developing minimum standards, rather than through legislation. Committee deadline extended May 20.

SB 2081 – Dillard (R-Westmont) – CMAP is **NEUTRAL** on this bill to use a portion of fees collected by the EPA to finance clean water projects recommended by the DuPage River Salt Creek Work Group. Assigned to House Revenue & Finance May 19.

Energy & Environment:

HB 14 – McCarthy (D-Orland Park) – CMAP is **NEUTRAL on** this bill to create a Smart Grid and allow utilities to impose multi-billion dollar rate increases to pay for it. Held on calendar order second reading.